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## NORMAN LINE.

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| WILLIAM I.  | Ten-sixty-six saw deadly strife<br>On Hastings' fatal plain ;<br>When Harold died a kingly death,<br>By Norman William slain.<br>The Conqu'ror ruled by force of arms,<br>All England for his foe ; | 1066 |
| WILLIAM II. | And Rufus reigned from eighty-seven<br>Till Tyrrel laid him low.  | 1087 |
| HENRY I.    | One-thousand-and-one-hundred marks<br>The long and useful reign<br>Of Hal the first, who wisely tried<br>The Saxon heart to gain.   | 1100 |
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## HOUSE OF BLOIS.

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| STEPHEN. | Next Stephen Blois in thirty-five,<br>Who long kept civil war alive. | 1135 |
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## HOUSE OF PLANTAGENET.

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| HENRY II.   | The Second Hal, who Ireland gained,<br>From fifty-four victorious reigned.  | 1154 |
| RICHARD I.  | In eighty-nine First Richard came,<br>A bold Crusader known to fame ;   | 1189 |
| JOHN.       | And John, who dates from ninety-nine,<br>The Charter was compelled to sign.   | 1199 |
| HENRY III.  | From twelve sixteen Third Henry ruled,<br>With troubles not a few ;   | 1216 |
| EDWARD I.   | First Edward next, who conquered Wales,<br>Was King in seventy-two.   | 1272 |
| EDWARD II.  | The Second dates from thirteen-seven,<br>At Bannockburn defeated ;  | 1307 |
| EDWARD III. | The Third from seven-and-twenty shone<br>In victory's chariot seated.   | 1327 |
| RICHARD II. | The Second Richard's reckless hand<br>From seventy-seven rebellion fanned,<br>Till Bolingbroke, whose wrongs were great,<br>Drove Richard from his high estate. | 1377 |





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## HOUSE OF LANCASTER.

(RED ROSE.)

- HENRY IV. All Henries here. The wily Fourth 1399  
In ninety-nine was crowned ;
- HENRY V. The Fifth from fourteen-thirteen dates, 1413  
For Agincourt renowned.
- HENRY VI. The Sixth Hal reigned from twenty-two—1422  
His Queen, brave Margaret of Anjou—  
Till, after many a stubborn fight,  
The Red Rose paled before the White.

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## HOUSE OF YORK.

(WHITE ROSE.)

- EDWARD IV. Thus Edward Fourth, York's favored son, 1461  
The sceptre grasped in sixty-one.
- EDWARD V. Two ruffians were employed to smother 1483  
Fifth Edward and his royal brother ;
- RICHARD III. The deed was done in eighty-three 1483  
By Richard Third's base treachery.



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## HOUSE OF TUDOR.

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- HENRY VII. But in the fight at Bosworth Field  
Third Richard fell among the slain,  
And Harry Seventh in eighty-five 1485  
Blended in peace the Roses twain.
- HENRY VIII. In fifteen-nine came bluff King Hal, 1509  
To six fair wives allied ;  
Impelled by passions uncontrolled,  
The Pope he soon defied.
- EDWARD VI. And when in fifteen-forty-seven 1547  
Sixth Edward ruled the nation,  
His Council and the Parliament  
Embraced the Reformation,
- MARY. Which Mary spurned in fifty-three, 1553  
And quickly overthrew,
- ELIZABETH. But good Queen Bess in fifty-eight 1558  
Bade Rome a last adieu ;  
And Spain's Armada missed its aims  
As champion of the Papal claims.



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## HOUSE OF STUART.

THE COMMON- WEALTH.	JAMES I.	King James the First in sixteen-three	1603
		Brought Scotland in his train ;	
	CHARLES I.	And Charles, who dates from twenty-five,	1625
		By cruel axe was slain	
		In forty-nine ; when Cromwell showed	1649
		By plainest demonstration,	
		That Britons could defend their rights	
		When King defied the nation.	
	CHARLES II.	In sixteen-sixty Second Charles	1660
		Regained his father's throne ;	
	JAMES II.	His brother James from eighty-five	1685
		Undid what Charles had done ;	
	WILLIAM AND MARY.	For Orange Will in eighty-eight	1688
		With Mary seized the reins of state,	
	ANNE.	Which Anne caught up in seventeen-two,	1702
		When Marlbro's victories rise to view.	



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## HOUSE OF HANOVER.

- GEORGE I. In seventeen-fourteen George the First 1714  
Spurned the Pretender's right ;
- GEORGE II. From twenty-seven did Second George 1727  
The Young Pretender fight,
- GEORGE III. Till George the Third in sixty came 1760  
And soon effaced the Stuarts' name.  
The deeds of Clive and Washington  
Recal eventful days ;  
To Nelson and to Wellington  
We give our warmest praise,  
And deem them heroes from the hour  
They crushed the great Napoleon's power.
- GEORGE IV. From eighteen-twenty George the Fourth 1820  
Saw penal laws repealed ;
- WILLIAM IV. In eighteen-thirty William came 1830  
And slavery's doom was sealed.
- VICTORIA. Since thirty-seven, Victoria's reign 1837  
Has witnessed greater changes still,  
Until at length the ruling power  
Has centred in the nation's will.







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